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On money question Indiana Republicans should keep step with such States as Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

If Governor McKinley is as strong as his friends claim there is no occasion for the tactics of Manager Hanna, which have stirred up bitter feuds in several States, notably Illinois.

If it is true that banker Morgan has offered 2 percent of the face for Cuban bonds there may be some hope for the Cubans that he can persuade the President to espouse their cause.

"He never straddled" was said many times of General Grant the past few days. The party in Indiana which glories in his name cannot afford to straddle on the money question.

After Congress gives the country a tariff which will give its producers the advantage in the home market, that topic can be taken out of politics, but until that is done the people will make it a leading issue.

If there is a clause in the Pickler bill designed to pension any man who had not an honorable discharge issued him when he left the service or when he filed his application it should be amended in the Senate or strangled there.

When President Grant vetoed the inflation bill, over which Congress had spent weeks, he did the country as great a service as he rendered at Appomattox. Moreover, he snatched the Republican party from suicide. He stood for specie resumption—for sound money.

When the average Hoosier Republican takes time to think of it, he must rebel against the fact that the order to instruct the delegates at large in this State came from Mark Hanna to Chairman Gowdy, who is the executive officer of the Republican State committee.

Delegate Catron, of New Mexico, has not only designated his two sons for cadetships at West Point and Annapolis, but has made the one the alternate of the other in both institutions. Having no sense of propriety, Mr. Catron should have more sons to make sure of everything in sight.

The letter of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, declaring that he stands with his party even if it declares against the free coinage of silver, indicates that in the judgment of a broad-minded man like Mr. Wolcott Republicanism has broader purposes and higher aims than the free coinage of silver.

Thus far only two seats in Northern States are contested in the St. Louis convention. There are already nearly 125 contests from the South. In quite a number of districts there are duplicate McKinley delegations. The contestants expect that being delegates will give them a better place at the pie stand.

The Hon. "Ike" Hill, of Ohio, who is the "whip" on the Democratic side of the House, on hearing that Senator Brice had been deputed to keep Ohio in the sound-money column, remarked: "So Cal Brice expects to buy us again as he did last time, does he? Well, he'll find we come higher this time."

"What fills the Democracy with vindictiveness and recklessness on the one hand and New York Sun, 'is the now unquestionable ambition of Mr. Cleveland to hold the nomination to be made at Chicago within control until circumstances settle his mind as to whether it is worth having." To most men it seems incredible that Mr. Cleveland can dream that there is any demand for his renomination outside of his office holders.

The business men who met in this city on Monday to consider the money question were men who borrow rather than lend money, as do most men engaged in merchandising, manufacturing and the improvement of realty. While it would have been entirely consistent for men engaged in the banking business to have been present at the conference, not one engaged in that business was there. Those who were there could manage to do along much better if silver monometallism should come than could the mass of people who work for wages and salaries. Years ago Daniel Webster declared that the wage earner was the greatest sufferer from a depreciated currency. Experience since that time has proved the correctness of his opinion.

Bulletin No. 5 of the State Bureau of Statistics shows that the new tin-plate industry has done for Indiana in four short years under adverse conditions and in the face of the detraction and ridicule of the Democratic party. To make no account of the money invested in plants of the stock consumed, which represents labor, the six factories in this State paid as wages during the year 1895 \$732,676 and gave employment to 2,435 people. The larger part of the \$732,676 paid out as wages was expended in the vicinity of the factories for the products of the farm, at the grocery, in the dry

goods stores, and for houses and rents. It was more than three-quarters of a million of dollars earned in Indiana, and added chiefly to money in circulation in the localities where the factories are situated.

FIGHT FOR POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

There is trouble in Louisiana and bloodshed is not impossible. Two parties claim to have carried the election which was held last week. Such claims have been made and sustained before, but this time there are as many white men raising the cry of fraud as there are white men who deny it. In this fact lies the danger. So long as negroes constituted the bulk of the opposition to the Democratic regime it could be counted out with impunity. So long as a few armed ruffians could bulldoze the large colored vote by frequent whippings and an occasional murder the frauds, even when laid bare by an independent Democrat, were laughed at in Louisiana and acquiesced in by the moral mugwump press because such frauds would insure the solid South so essential to the election of Mr. Cleveland in the last three presidential campaigns. But things have changed. Thousands of white men are at enmity with the Democratic machine in Louisiana—very much at enmity. Such is the natural result of rule based upon fraudulent elections. Inefficient administration and burdensome taxation are the penalty of the overthrow of impartial suffrage. Taxpayers, planters and business men generally are exasperated with the present regime in Louisiana, and in the late election they made an effort to overthrow it. Bred to lawlessness, these white leaders are men who are well calculated to inspire the anxiety which Louisiana dispatches betrays.

There are some remarkable circumstances in the late election. In most of the white parishes the candidate of the anti-Democratic combination received a majority. In the parishes dominated by sugar planters the majority, almost without exception, was for Pharr, the opposition candidate for Governor. In the six parishes in which the black voters who are alleged to have registered numbered 20,424 to 4,969 whites the Democrats rolled up their majority. With the protection of influential whites the registration was used to promote Democratic frauds just as it has been in the black belt of Alabama in the last three elections. In the six parishes referred to the voters and the Democratic majorities are reported as follows:

| Parish | White | Black | Majority |
|----------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Assumption | 1,065 | 3,487 | 2,422 |
| Cadotte | 1,285 | 5,387 | 2,850 |
| Calcasieu | 1,065 | 3,487 | 2,422 |
| Madison | 349 | 3,027 | 2,678 |
| Texas | 401 | 8,548 | 2,750 |
| West Feliciana | 613 | 2,828 | 2,215 |

Total Democratic majority, 15,490

On their face the above returns indicate gross fraud. Investigation will doubtless show that the majority would have been against the Democratic ticket by as large a majority as it was made to be for it.

Sooner or later rule by ballot-box crimes must come to an end in such States as Alabama and Louisiana because the people will not endure the evils which flow from it. The cry of negro domination no longer frightens, and the once potent appeal to the solid South has lost its power. It may be that violence and bloodshed may be necessary to break the purpose of the Democratic regime to rule by force and fraud. If such is the case Louisiana is the place to resist by setting up a State government elected by the people. But the restoration of the supremacy of impartial suffrage must come in those States at an early day.

THE TWO ROLLS TO FREE TRADE.

These many years free-traders have told us that free wool was all that was needed to enable our woolen manufacturers to capture the woolen markets of the world by successful competition with Great Britain and Germany.

In Cleveland and his free-trade supporters have committed the Democratic tariff bill to the free-list in the Democratic tariff bill. The result to the American wool grower has been that he has lost one-third of his market to countries in which wool production is stimulated by government, as in Australia, and has the advantage of cheap land and cheaper labor, as in South America. Besides, the American wool grower has lost 40 per cent. of the price he received for years.

But the wool manufacturing industry has not prospered as the free-traders have predicted. The market has been so flooded with woolen goods from Europe that a large part of the factories in this country are shut down or running on half or less than half time. No American woolen goods are sold abroad, but the importation of them has increased by millions. Why cannot we compete? Simply because the standard of wages in American woolen factories is from 50 to 100 per cent. higher than in England, Germany and France, while the tariff, which should equalize the difference in wages, is not over 30 per cent. under the ad valorem duties inviting fraud. Our woolen industry will not regain the lost ground until more wool is used which is not bought and sold in foreign markets to our disadvantage, and until specific tariff duties shall make up the difference between the cost of American and European labor in woolen factories.

The owner of several silver mines in Mexico has been telling of the prosperity of iron and a few other manufactures in that country. He attributes it to silver money. He is probably correct so far as the manufacturers are concerned. But how about labor? On that subject the silver mine owner is ominously silent. If he had told the whole story he would have confessed that the worker in the Mexican factories gets less wages in Mexican silver than does his competitor in this country even under the Cleveland shrinkage. In Mexico the Mexican silver dollar will purchase but half as much as the American silver dollar kept on a par with gold. This is the testimony of all who visit that country. The late Governor Gray, as minister to Mexico, on his last visit here gave some interesting facts, showing that United States dollars had bought the purchase power in Mexico that the silver dollars under the free coinage system of the country have. Because they are held up to gold the Canadian Pacific Railway Company takes 90 silver dollars at their face, while it allows only the market price for Mexican, namely, 52 or 53 cents.

The mechanic who is paid \$1.50 a day in Mexico in Mexican silver can buy no more bread, sugar, cloth, etc., than if he were paid 75 cents a day in United States standard silver. There is no wonder, then, why Mexican factories making goods consumed in Mexico can command the home market. If the United States should adopt the free silver policy and come to a silver standard, as it must under such a policy, the dollars paid to workmen in factories would have the purchasing power of half dollars, thus reducing their wages 50 per cent. With wages thus reduced the American manufacturer could not compete successfully with Europe because the pay of labor here would be reduced to the level of Germany and below that prevailing in England.

Thus there are two ways to reduce wages in the United States, namely, low tariffs and going to a silver basis by the mine owners' scheme of free coinage. The former would force a reduction of wages in sound money, while the latter would do it by calling pieces of silver with 50-cent purchasing power dollars.

WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

The dinner given last night by the State executive committee of the Young Men's Christian Association to leading men of the community was an incident in a movement now under way to extend the work of this useful and important organization. Increased interest and active co-operation of business men in the association are especially desired, and this can be secured in no better way than by bringing to their attention the practical benefits of the society in the shape of the testimony of citizens of high standing who can speak from direct observation and personal knowledge of their subject.

When, for example, a president of a great railroad corporation speaks with enthusiastic praise of the good that has been accomplished among railroad employees, any doubt that may have lingered as to the real merits of Y. M. C. A. work must be silenced. When a man with close acquaintance with educational institutions in this State and elsewhere shows the great importance of the association in surrounding college boys with the most wholesome influences can fail to be convinced.

The idea once prevalent that the work of the association consists mainly in the holding of prayer meetings and Sunday schools only exists now among those who willfully ignorant, but the character and extent of the labors undertaken are hardly understood save by those who are active participants. Although a religious purpose is the basis of the work, spiritual and moral results are reached by indirect as well as direct means. The association is an ally of the church, and does a work which the latter cannot as easily accomplish. It undertakes to provide employment for those who need it, to furnish amusements to those who desire them; it organizes classes for study, it establishes reading rooms, fits up gymnasiums, looks after the social needs of the stranger and hunts out the stranger himself when notified of his arrival by a corresponding member or through other means. It is this practical, businesslike course which has given it its strength throughout the country. It owns property of great aggregate value, its athletic league has an immense membership, its educational department counts 25,000 students received into its evening classes last year.

In Indiana the association shows an advance each year in membership and general interest; in spite of the hard times it has more than held its own, but the time has come for a more rapid growth. A number of the larger towns and cities of the State, among which may be mentioned Muncie, Anderson, Kokomo and LaPorte, are without organizations, and an effort will be made to extend the field to include these towns as well as many smaller ones. Heretofore efforts in this direction have been hampered owing to the State association's lack of funds. It is now the purpose to secure an endowment which will enable the work of organization to go on unchecked. That those who have undertaken the task may be successful must be the wish of all who realize the benefits derived from what has already been done. The young men deserve credit and congratulation for their past efforts and substantial aid in their present undertakings.

Evidently the McKinley leaders in the Illinois Republican convention are acting under the same orders which have been announced for the convention in this State, namely, that before the platform is adopted or a State officer nominated a resolution shall be passed instructing the delegates at large to support Governor McKinley in St. Louis. The least important business of the convention is to choose delegates, yet a proposition to instruct and to elect delegates in a manner to create dissension is pushed to the front. In Illinois the chairman of the State committee would not accept the orders, and because he will not the McKinley managers have threatened to prevent the usual order of business until their programme is carried out. Later it is reported that they have yielded in part and will permit the candidate for Governor and some other officers to be nominated before making the instruction issue. In this State the most important work of the convention is to adopt a platform and nominate a State ticket, but if Chairman Gowdy has been correctly reported he will insist that instructions for delegates shall be adopted before any other business is transacted. This done, delegates at large are to be chosen. Governor McKinley can be nominated better without resorting to such autocratic methods, planned outside the State, than he can with them, and without the bitterness which will outlive the Hanna tactics.

Ex-Governor Kellogg, of Louisiana, reports that the sweep of the free silver sentiment over the South and the West beyond the Missouri river is surprising. He predicts that if both the Republican and Democratic conventions adopt sound-money platforms a silver candidate like Teller or Cameron would carry the South, except Maryland and West Virginia, and every State west of Missouri except Nebraska, which would probably throw the election into the House, where it is not impossible that a free silver President would be elected in view of the influence the campaign may have upon Republican members. Let us see about that. There are forty-five

States which would have one vote each in the House. The vote of each State must be given for one of three presidential candidates receiving the largest number of electoral votes. The candidate receiving a majority of the delegation in each State will have the vote of that State. Of the forty-five States, one, Maryland, has a delegation equally divided between the two parties, so that it will have no vote in the House. The election will be made by forty-four States, of which twenty-three will be a majority. In the present House the Republicans have majorities in the following States: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Utah—total thirty. Assuming Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming, four, should give their votes to a silver candidate the Republicans would have twenty-six States, which would enable them to lose three more and yet have the required majority, twenty-three. Thus it seems that Mr. Kellogg's possibility is not even that.

Congress compelled the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase seeds, but he will not distribute them. Consequently, they are piled up in and about the Washington postoffice, where they must be secured at a distant day, which is the assistance of the Department of Agriculture. Some Congressmen are sending their portion of seeds in bulk to men in their districts to distribute. At any rate, the work of distribution has been put upon Congressmen, whereas heretofore all they had to do was to send their orders to the Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Merton may regard it a good trick, but the country has no respect for an official who will not comply with the laws and who defeats the purpose of an act because he is hostile to it.

Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, who has been voting with the free silver people in the Senate is reported by a New York paper as follows:

A year ago in North Dakota it was dangerous to advocate the gold standard, but for some reason there has been a wonderful change in public sentiment. The people have adopted a platform which favors the yellow metal without equivocation.

Doubtless the Senator mistook the exaggerated language in which so many advocates of free silver indulge for the sentiment of the whole people. There has, however, been a radical change in public opinion on the silver question during the past year simply because the mass of people, who talk little and think much, have been studying the subject.

Complaint is sometimes made by people who have been accustomed to mountain scenery and to perpendicular farms that the country about Indianapolis is too level to be picturesque. The scenery of Indiana, and I think it would be appropriate that I, as one of the guests, on your behalf, should express my regret that the country about Indianapolis is not more picturesque. The country about Indianapolis is not more picturesque. The country about Indianapolis is not more picturesque.

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STATE Y. M. C. A. DINNER

GENERAL HARRISON PRESIDED AND MADE A BRIEF ADDRESS.

The Purpose was to Disseminate Information of the Results of the Association's Work.

The State organization of the Y. M. C. A. last night gave a dinner at the Denison in the city of Indianapolis. The dinner was held in the Denison. The object of the dinner was to create a feeling that would finally result in an endowment sufficient to at least partially maintain the supervision of the State Y. M. C. A. work. It has been recognized by the association in this and other States that the State needs a permanent fund from which to pay the cost of supervising the work of the association. At the present time it takes all the money that can be raised by close soliciting to defray the local expenses in each city or town, and that leaves a field that has been gleamed from which to gather the money necessary for this work. It is often very hard to raise it and never has as much money been secured for this purpose as could have been advantageously used. It is the remark of all foreigners who visit this country in the interest of this work that the great success of the work here has been due to the method of supervision, yet in this country it is recognized that this supervision is not as thorough as it should be to make the work over the field it is intended for. It is the hope of the State association that money can be secured at a distant day, which is the assistance of the Department of Agriculture. Some Congressmen are sending their portion of seeds in bulk to men in their districts to distribute. At any rate, the work of distribution has been put upon Congressmen, whereas heretofore all they had to do was to send their orders to the Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Merton may regard it a good trick, but the country has no respect for an official who will not comply with the laws and who defeats the purpose of an act because he is hostile to it.

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